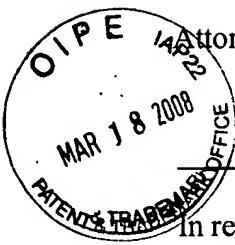


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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 17, 2008, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections therein are requested for the reasons following.

Claims 9, 10 and 12-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,618,899 (*Ginzel*), which incorporates U.S. Patent No. 4,019,220 (*Lieberman*).

Independent claim 9 recites, *inter alia*, "a piston made of polyoxymethylene plastic, the piston having a toothed rack... wherein the toothed rack is made of metal and is embedded in the piston by molding the polyoxymethylene plastic around the rack so that the rack and the piston form a one-piece element."

On page 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner contends that *Lieberman* discloses a rack which is made of metal and a piston which is molded around the rack. Applicant disagrees.